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MAUREL COMPARES HIS AUDIENCES

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M. Vice on which the Abbry E of an Abbry E of an Abbry E of an Abbry E of an Abbry E of a subpute of a great deal of his time with reporters apparently, but he can be forgiven that, for be generally says something worth listening to. The New York because the subpute of the subpute of the Abbry E of the Abbry E of the State of the Abbry E of the State of t

at. anaret imms the aletropoinan Opera House too large, and says he feels as though he were rehearsing in an open square. "Depend upon it," added the singer, after a few minutes of retrospective reflection, "it is not good to have theatres too large. The voice cannot be heard at its best, with large. The voice cannot be heard at its best, with all te qualities and characteristics, in a hall beyond a certain size. The amount of nervous energy, of a discount of the control of th Cassio s uream I was completely exhausted. The audience looked so far, far away. It seemed so big. There appeared to be such a vast number of personalities before me. I felt the difficulty of making my ideas of Iago's character clear to so many different minds, of impressing them upon so many varying temperaments, of concentrating so many points of

view. "And again, if so huge an auditorium is bad for the singer, what do you think of the actor? The human physiognomy is not so very big. What then is the value of facial expression at such a distance as separates the foolights from the opposite wall in so many of the largest theatres of to-day. A gesture can be seen a hundred yards or more away; an ture can be seen a nunared yards or more away; a expression upon the face is blurred to the view at a quarter of the distance. The face must become apparently an almost immobile mask. Certainly a great deal of a most vital element in the actor's art must go for nothing. If it is not seen it cannot be appreclated."

M. Maurel then went on to describe the character-

istics of audiences in various parts of the world, giving special heed to Russia, Roumania, America and other countries.

and other countries.

The part however most interesting to musicians is where he talks of Verdl and his disputes with him, a portion of the interview we give as published: "When Verdl sent for ue," sald Maurel, "to comence the studies for the production of 'Otello," he was shocked at my idea of playing liago with a clean shaven face. Not in the least, I said. You may

be quite certain that lago made a careful toilet svery lago with which you professed yournelf estisfied, day, with the most expited tranquility. Not Not and thope by the same means to satisfy you again Not shouted Verda, 'tt will sever do. You will in Falstaff, who is nevertheless a much more difficult look hideous!' Not fattering, was he?

"Very well; you will have to take me as I am and my interpretation of the role, my idea of the personmy costuming of the part, or get some one else. age, my costuming of the part, or get some one else."
"Grumbling, the meestro gave way, and I played
the part as I had thought it out. I remember that
Verdi was in a box, with some of his friends, and
they told me that when I came out in the second act

they told me that when I came out in the second act be gave a sob and beamed round the company with delight and—relief. "He hates, or pretends to, any idea of reflection about a work of art," went on M. Maurel, laughing

about a work of art," went on M. Mauret, laughing heartily, as he got up and began tossing papers and books about in search for some documents that he finelly found and brought forward. "When 'Falstaff' was being prepared he gave me anothe: illustration of his theory that the artistshould another illustration of his theory that he artistshould not reason too much, and above all should not analyze too closely. Apropos of some remarks I had made in a letter to him, remarks about the historical character of Sir John, and about his music, the commade in a letter to him, remarks about the historical character of Six John, and about his mule, the consider in particular the thought you are giving to the personage of Falstaff. But be careful. In art the predominance of a reflective tendency is a sign of decadence. That is to say, when art becomes a science the result is something uncould had not on the consideration of the second of the consideration of the control had not been seen to be seen to be considerated to the control had not made to the control had not been seen to be found to be seen and the content and the seen and the content and the content and the seen and the content and the seen and the s

its interpreter ideas of arefined materialism, and that its interpreter ideas of a refined materialism, and that his company caused one to laugh, even at things that might cause tears. "That is why," I went on. 'your letter has not saddened me. So, in order that we may 'not seek noon at 2 o'clock," I must tell you that I do not share in the least your idea that in art a

In the case of Verdi there is an intuitive side to "In the case of Verdi there is an intuitive side to his genius that takes the place of protound analysis, or perhaps assists it. He therefore looks with cer-tain suspicion upon the artist who would extract the philosophy of his part and throw it out in bold relief. 'I often wonder what will be the influence of 'Fal-

I often wonder what will be the influence of 'Fal-staff.' Its success is an assured fact in Europe. In France musicians recognize it as incontestably novel in form and in Inspiration. I cannot think that the present frantic admiration of Wagner in Paris can present frantic admiration of Wegmer in Faris can obtain permanently. Music large be, probably is, a universal language which has no political or national frontiers; it is a language that may be spoken in various places, with such or such individual accent that it may be incomprehensible anywhere else. Wagner's music forms a special dislect, essentially Teutonic. This dislect may be liked for a time in a lettantism. But it cannot become solidity established there any more than the Scandinavian literature, which is the fashion just now, can long remain so, for it is in direct opposition with the most prominent qualities of the Latin soul—elearness and rapidity. "Now, if not these qualities reunited to the highest degree in Verdi's new work, Joined to an exquisite hoarm, to a realism, a truth and a simplicity that are

At the autopsy of Rubinstein it was found that the frontal bone of his skull was remarkably thick—half a centinetre—a phenomenon usually observed only in tidiots, and which is apt to retard the development of the brain. On the other hand, the brain itself was unusually large and well developed. Men of sclence consider his an unusual anomaly.

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A "SECOND BEETHOVEN."

through the death of the brilliant and cultivated composer Benjamin Godard, which took place recently at Cannes, says E. S. Kelley, in the Ezaminer. Standing as he did among the forement of French musiclans—there being only three whom we would think of classifying with him, Saint-Saens, Massenet and Ambroise Thomas he was therefore one of the leading composers of the world.

Godard was one of the men whom we could least

made vacant at Gounou's demise, and that Godard was defeated by some organist of local reputation. This, however, only serves to prove that it requires something besides mere merit to win the first posi-tions which are offered by political, social or even

The competition for prizes is not very satisfactory to the sensitive man. If he wins the bright bit of gold that puts him above his fellows he will have a feeling of regret for those who failed, while, if he teeling of regret for those who failed, while, if he lose, the chances are that he will he annoyed by seeing if go to one who does not deserve it. Godard was one of the few composers of the present day who throughout preserved a high average. Those of his works that we have had the pleasure of

of his works that we have hid the pleasure of listening to, whether for orchestra, chamber music, combination, volce or plano, everything shows a graveful polish, and no matter how light in charac-graveful polish, and no matter how light in charac-terior of the constant of the constant of the Of course he had his enemies. I infer this from the occessional dings in the musical journals. The chief accusation was that he had an exaggerated estimation of his own merits. If this were constituestimation of his own merits. If this were constitu-tional, then it was not his fault, hat his misfortune. On the other band, he may have been forced into a too violent expression of his opinion of himself by severe and unjust criticisms. An otherwise peaceful and naturally modest man can, by invessant attacks of perverse and fallafying writers who invariabily ignore his merits, he reduced to such a state of ex-

tive.

This method of "taking the conceit out of a man" is not only cruci and absurd, but in the maniput of cases will produce the opposite result in-jority of cases will produce the opposite result in-jority of cases will produce the opposite result in the case of the

more acceptable to us, who are accustomed to the richness of Chopin. Schumann and Wagner, than numerous works of Beethoven himself.

nuncrous works of Beethoven himself.

This idea of implying a compliment to one man by calling him a second-hand somebody else—he hat somebody Bach, Wagner, Napoleon or Shakespane — Is a very popular absurdity. Berllos has else the second of the second o We have also had American Wagners, Berilozs. Gilberts and Sullivans without number, but to no avail. Let every tub stand on its own bottom and be thankful for a bottom of its own to stand on, hoping to be filled with the showers of heavenly inspiration, never worrying about those other this being larger or of a finer brand.

The Richard Wagner Societies of Berlin and Pots-The Richard Wagner Societies of Berlin and Post-nessently organized argand conert at Berlin to the Program of the Program of the Program of the the Prassian Capital as orchestra leader. Mue-colina Wagner assisted at the fete, which was program of the Program of the Program of Germany. The young Wagner of the Empress of Germany. The young Wagner of the Program of the Program of the program of several of this father's and his granultather's Franz Liest's) compositions. The cong purposes of director received the distinction of

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Mile. Julia Miramar, Miles Suzanne Ryan and Mue.

Lillian Nordica.

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Sigs G. Riussitano, Roberto Vanni, Bogini and Francesco Tamagno.
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The repertoire will be selected from the following operas: "Rome of Juliete," "Faust," "Faust, "Faust, "Glaich," "Otello," "Rigoletto," "Il Trovatore," "Lohen, "Some of Helmont." Cavalleria Russleans," "Some of Helmont, "Cavalleria Russleans," "Don Glovanni," "Le Nozze di Figaro," "Car, "Don Glovanni," "Le Nozze di Figaro," "Car, "men," "Klaine," "Migno." "Il Pagilacci, "Giglieliuo Tell," "Semiramade," "Lakme," "Martha, "Martha," "Martha," "Manon," "Ris," "Martha, "Martha," "Martha, "Martha," "Martha, "Martha," "Martha, "Martha, "Martha, "Martha," "Martha, "Martha

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Thomson to a Chicago interviewer will be read with more than ordinary interest by violinists: "As far as my technic is concerned it is not the result of argain the control of the control recently I did not take my violin out of its case for eight days: then I played in moment. I study the eight days then I played in moment is study the moment, through the study of angles, I accomplish moment, through the study of angles, I accomplish my work. My unfailing technicable from the which I obtained that is to the simple means through which I obtained to the work of the simple means through which I obtained to the work of the simple means through which I obtained to the work of the will awaken too strong opposition. It is too directly opposed to existing traditions."

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS IN JAVA.

A Javanese orchestra is called Gamelang. It consists, says an exchange, of the Rebab, a kind of violin with two strings and curved how. The Gen-Bonong or Karomong consists if from ten to iswanty small metal piates, which hange on a frame between thin baumboo work. Little hammers covered with teather are used for times. They must always be leader to be a support of the free transport of the free transport of the free transport of the free drinn, except that instead of bealing on the skin of the free drinn, you strike the metal kenong, the free drinn, you strike the metal kenong same of the Kenong slightly differs. The Kentjer, a kind of metal cymbal; the Gongs, copper druma, about three to four feet in diameter. They hang on about three to four feet in diameter. They hang on short the free to four feet in diameter. They hang on small gong is called Kumpal. Ketipungs and Kenags are oliong drums and unthourins, which are someted with the hand. The fielding is a large vanied with the hand. The fielding is a large scaled which the hand. The offern strings. A Salempung is a harp with ten of fifteen strings.

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are made of hamboo, violins out of coconaut.
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LOUIS HAMMERSTEIN SURPRISED.

Date of the content o Louis Hammersteln, who has played piano so long. are as popular as Mr. Hammerstein or have been as prominently identified with musical progress in St. Lonis. The following imprompu programme was rendered on the occasion: 1. Sopromo Noble—In June," Mise Pritz. 2. Plano 1. Sopromo Noble—In June," Mise Pritz. 2. Plano 1. Sopromo Noble—In June, "Mise Pritz. 2. Plano 1. June," General Berthy Silmber," Noblesinger, Miss Verdier and Mr. Morley. 4. A Bartinon Solo—Mr. Flitgeredi, 5. Rending—Mr. Solow, "Mr. Hammerstein, "St. Huster de Nacht," Edward, Mr. Hammerstein, "St. Huster de Nacht," Edward, "Mr. Hammerstein, "St. Huster de Nacht," Edward, "Mr. Hammerstein, "St. Huster de Nacht," Edward, "Mr. Hammerstein, "St. Huster de Nacht," Comercialo, Misses Goadal, Detder, "Detter-Dritt," Cornectalo, Miss. Goodall, D. Detter-Dritt, "Mr. Carrectalo, Mr. Carrectalo, Mr. Mr. Carrectalo, Mr. C were requested not to leave before completion of programme, as the "geese" would then be done.



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KUNKEL'S PIANO RECITAL.

The second of Mr. Kunkel's piano recitals was given on the 13th ult., at Delmar Avenue Baptist Church, Mr. Otto Hein, the popular tenor, assisting. Mr. Kunkel's recitals always draw out a full attend-Mr. Kunkel's recitals always draw out a full attendance, and are among the most enjoyable events of an amount and the control of the control

pianists of the world.

Mr. Hein sang his numbers with the greatest ar tistic fervor, and was enthusiastically received. It is a pleasure to hear a tenor like Mr. Hein, who imft

s to his work such an artistic color and finish. The following was the programme:

Beethoven, Sonate in E flat major (Sonata quasi
una Fantasia, 4,0, 27, No. 1; (a) Andante, (b) Allegro molto e vivace, (c) Adagio con espressione,

Allegro vivace

(d) Allegro vivace.

Beethovn, Adelaide.

Bethovn, Adelaide.

Bude in C sharp minor.

Nopini, (a) Resignation Etude in C sharp minor.

Nopini, (a) Resignation Etude in C sharp minor.

Nocturne in E flat major, (b), No. No. 2; (d) Fantasie
Impromptu, Op. 66; (c) Scherzo from Sonate in

Bata minor, Op. 55.

Radbinstein. (a) Du bist wie eine Blume (Thou'lt

Like Uzio a Fickoenig

Like Unio a Flower). Schubert, (b) Der Erkloonig (The Erkling). Dance of the Gonnes; (d) On the Broppen, Develop, Adden, (c) Satellite, Polis Ca-price, Riverfe), Adden, (c) Satellite, Polis Ca-price, Riverfe), Adden, (c) Satellite, Polis Ca-price, Riverfel), Adden, (c) Satellite, Polis Ca-price, Riverfel), (d) old Mundred (Paraphrase de Concert), Melnotte, (c) II Trovatore (Verdi)— Grand Fantasia, Introducing Soddiers' (Choru-Homet to Our Mountains—Anvil Chorus, The next concert will be given at the same place, Delmar Avenne, and Thessay evening, March 6th.

V CARL FAELTEN'S RECITAL.

The pianoforte recital given by Carl Faelten, under the auspices of the Tuesday Musicale, at Memorial Hall. was one of the really enjoyable events of the season. Mr. Faelten's reputation as a consummate artist was fully sustained. He presented oussummate acrees was 1111y sustained. The presented a magnificent programme, which included numbers used in his concerts came: by Bach, Mozart, Rubinstein, Beethoven. Schumann, Raff, Mendelssohn, and Gound-Liezt. Mr. Faelten has a host of admirers, who hope to hear him often.

DEATH OF MRS. J. A. KIESELHORST.

The many friends of Mr. J. A. Kieselhorst, the wellof the staden death of his beloved wife, which oc-urred on Saturday, the 2nd inst. Mrs. Kieselhorst had a wide circle of friends who will miss her pleasant face and true woman't qualities. The burial services were most impressive. Rev. Dr. Snyder read the favorite psalms of the deceased, those which she herself had marked during life, and a quartette from the Church of the Messiah sang some touching

Though requested to omit flowers, friends sent many most beautiful tributes, among which was a magnificent tribute from the piano dealers of the city. The pall bearers were Messrs. Charles Kunkel, city. The pail bearers were Messis. Charles Numer. Emil Meysenburg, George A. Anderson, Benj. F. Sellers, James C. Bury, D. F. Hulbert, E. R. Kroeger and E. M. Read, Mrs. Kieselhorst. left three boys, one of whom is in business with his father. Mr. Kieselhorst has the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in this his sad hour of bereave-

KROEGER'S PIANO RECITAL.

E. R. Kroeger's third monthly piano recital was given on the 13th ult., at the Church of the Messiah. The programme consisted entirely of works of the Romantic School, such as Schumann, Chopin, See-Romanue School, such as School, Roeger, Gottschalk and Liszt. The recital was an artistic success, and well attended. The next recital will be given Wednesday evening. March 13th, and will consist entirely of works by Robert Schumann.

APOLLO CLUB CONCERT.

The Apollo Club gave its second concert at Germania Theatre to a full attendance. The soloists were Miss Theodore Plafflin, soprano, and Mr. Hollwere aliss Incodore l'aimn, soprano, and Mr. Holl-mann violoncellist, who were very enthesisatically received. The numbers by the Club, under the direc-tion of Mr. Aifred G. Rohyn, were magnificently rendered. Mr. Robyn is making the Apollo con-certs occasions of genuluin delight.

CHORAL-SYMPHONY CONCERT.

One of the most pleasing of the Choral concerts was that given on the 28th ult. Heinrich Hoffmannn's Cantata "Edith" was given and received with the was that given on the 28th uit. Heinrich Hoffmannn's Canatia 'Edith' was given and received with the most evident delight by the large audience in attendament of the state of

The next Symphony concert will take place March 29th, and will present Miss Maud Powell, the popular

STAVENHAGEN CONCERT.

One of the chief events of the season was the concert given at Entertainment Hall, on the 26th uit. by Mr. Bernhard Stavenhagen, the planist, and Master Jean Gerardy, the violoneolitist. Mr. Stavention accorded him as one of the great planists of the world. His technique was salleds and his coloring that of the consummate master. Mr. Stavenhagen's interpretations proved him an artist in the highest manner that surprised his heavers, for his readitions were those of a nature artist.

The Knahe grand plano which Mr. Stavenhagen is not concert scane in for no small share of was responded to in a way that proved the instrument perfect the very sense. One of the chief events of the season was the con

CITY NOTES.

Bernard Stavenhagen, the famous pianist, spent very enjoyable time at the heautiful residence of fr. Charles Kunkel, whose guest he was on the

Miss Maude G. Gorin, teacher of piano, has removed from 1119 East Whittier Street, to 4122 Cook Avenue. Miss Gorin is a thorough and progressive

Mrs. Georgia Lee-Cunningham, the well-shown soprano, who returned lately from a course of study with the world-renowned teacher, Madame Mathilde Marches, of Paris, amounces that she will receive a limited number of pupils in voice culture. Mrs. actic and bailed singing, and will give special attention to tone production, phrasing and enunciation. This is a rare opportunity for ambitions students who desire the highest advantages. In Mrs. Lee-Country, and the students of the students of the country of the students of the country of the count Mrs. Georgia Lee-Cunningham, the well-known

London has eighty music halls. Of these ahout twenty are large and flourishing institutions capable of accommodating anywhere from one thousand to three thousand partness, and all, with scarcely an exception, mines of wealth to the proprietors. These eighty establishments among them contrive, hesides bringing wealth to the owners, to support uesues aringing wealth to the owners, to support some ten thousand employees and their families, the employees including the performers, stage auditorium hands, managers, clerks, scene painters, song writers and musicians. The halls also con-tribute indirectly to the support of musical com-posers, music publishers, musical instrument makers. posers, music publishers, musical instrument makers, machinists, gas and electric light manufacturers, hrewers, distillers and caterers, and in point of fact there is scarcely a single industry which is not some way benefited, and very materially benefited, by these places of amusement.

GERMANIA THEATRE.

Review of the Seas

This may be an opportune time to review the season which is now rawing to a close at the Germania Theatre, 14th and Laces Place, and to make a main Ender, 14th and Laces Place, and to make a us the assurance that the German Theatre will the equally well conducted next year. Director Alexander Wurster has again been entrusted with the management for next year, and the rumors that the Germania will be converted into an English theatre are without foundation.

since the opening of the Germania last september, the following classical plays have been produced; "Essex," "Die Heilmah," "Marie Stuart," "Merchani of Venlee," "William Tell," "Hamlet," "Merchani of Venlee," "William Tell," "Hamlet," "Othello," "Uriel Accessia," "and "Fanta", fieldes Siave, "Senn of Paper," "Geyer Wall," Germania "Arisocarel Marriage," "Love of Our Days," "Quissimodo," "Benefactors of Humanity," "Ferreol," "Brassig," "Professor Crampjon." "Montloye," "Don Cesar," "Kean," and "The War Plan."

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Dreaming thus thy hand I press; Into thine eyes I look with love; Deep within their gentle depths There dwell the gifts of heavin shove

MAJOR AND MINOR.

The new Conservatory of Moscow is nearly finished. Its construction will cost about \$1,500,000. The yestibule will contain the statues of Rubinstein and Tschaikowsky.

What love is to man, music is to the arts and mankind. Music is love itself; it is the purest, most ethereal language of passion, showing in a thousand emereal iniguage of passion, showing in a thousand ways all possible changes of color and feeling; and though only true in a single instance, it can yet be understood by thousands of men, who all feel differently.—C. M. Von Weber.

Mr. Hermann Levi with Mottl Richter and others are engaged to conduct at the series of Nouveaux concerts given at Brussels this spring, and Mr. Levi may very possibly now fulfill his intention of going to England, appearing, of course, at the Mottl conto have plenty of Wagnerian concert performances

Theodore Thomas will celebrate, next July, the fiftieth anniversary of his strival in this country and a half-a-century's service to music in America. Since that day on which he first set foot on American Since that day on which he arst set tool on American soil, his history has been one with the history of music in this country. Boy violinist, conductor of grand opera between the age of 16 and 17, first violin of a string quartet, and leader, subsequently conductor, in orchestra concerts at almost as early a period, he has been either the head of or promin-ently identified with the greatest musical undertakings in this country.

Rubinstein, the famous planist, went to confession Rubinstein, the famous planist, went to confession one day in the Kasan Cathefat, in St. Petershurg. After the confession he stepped to the "sacristy book" to marche his name. The officiating priest stein, artist," came the nawer. "You are in service at some theart?" "NO. "You give instruction in some institute?" "NO. I am a musician." "Then you are employed somewhere?" "I told you once no." "Wel, how, then, shall I insorthe you here?" The two men looked at each other several moments. Then a "wise thought" in his own estimation, came to the priest. "What is your father?" he asked, his eyes brightening. "Merchant of the second to the priest. "What is your father?" he asseed, his eyes brightening. "Merchant of the second class." "Then," cried the priest, with jor, "at force: 'Son of a merchant of the second class." This scene gave Ruhinstein much food for thought. It led him to establish bis conservatory and the musical society, in order to teach the Russian people what the word musiclas might mean.

A recent writer in an Italian paper gives some interesting details concerning famous musical instruments. According to him, the Ruggieri Cello, upon which Signor Platti, the celebrated Italian cellist, plays, is valued at \$20,000. Signor Platti is said to have inherited it from General Oliver, in England, eighteen years ago. Eugene Ysaye's Guardagni violin is said to be worth \$1,500; Master Jean Gerardy's Guarnerius is valued at \$4,000; and sean Gerardy's cuarrerius is valued at \$4.000; and Lady Halle possesses a Stradivarius stid to he worth \$10,000. It formerly belonged to Ernst. Señor Sarasate plays upon two very valuable instruments, one of which is lent to him by the Royal Museum of Madrid; and Dr. Joachim's collection of fine instruments is valued at \$100,000! Talk about poor

Here is the history of "The Lost Chord," whose sale in Great Britain alone has exceeded 250,000 copies. Arthur Sullivan had watched by the hedside of a dying brother. One night, when the end was not far off and his brother was sleeping, he was not far off and his brother was sleeping, he channed to come across some verses of Adelaide Proctor's, which five years before he had tried in vain to set to music. In the silence of that night-watch he read them over again and almost instantly their muscless expression was conceived. A straw watch he read them over again and aimost instantive their musical expression was conceived. A stray sheet of music paper was at hand and he hegan to write. The music grew, and he worked on delighted to be helped while away the hours of watching. As he progressed he felt sure the music was what he had sought for and was sure to find on the occasion of his first attempt to set the words. In a short of his first attempt to set the words. In a short time it was completed and not long after in the pub-

THE GERMAN OPERA ARTISTS.

We select from Freund's Musical Weekly a sketch of the leading members of the Damrosch German Opera Company, now performing at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and which will appear e ln April.

here in April.

Mme. Rosa Hasselbeck Sucher, the prima donna
of the company, divides with Theresa Matten, of
Dresden, the distinction of being the leading Wag-

nerian soprano of Germany. Frau Sucher's father was a musician in a small Saxon town, and the prima donna first attracted notice when singing in the choir of the cathedral at Friburg. The director of the Court Theatre at Munich heard her, and it was under his direction that she completed her musical studies. She made that she completed her induced studies. She hade her first appearance in opera at Thiess, and after remaining there for two seasons she joined the company at the Opera House in Leipsic. Here company at the Opera House in Leipsic. Here she and Herr Sucher were married, and after a tour through the various German cities the two settled

she sings for a short season every winter at the Imperial Opera House in St. Petershurg.

Miss Marie Brema, the principal contralto, is an English woman of German descent. Her musical career hegan only five years ago, her first concert appearance being made at St. James' Hall after a

appearance being made at St. James' Hall after a few months of study. Miss Brema made her first appearance in Oxford in the title part, and was accredited with success. Miss Brema, after some minor opera engagements, sup first at Covent Garden in 1892, and has since sang first at Covent Garden in 1892, and has since that appeared repeatedly in concert and oratorio. Conductor Levi of Munich brought Miss Brema to the attention of Frau Wagner, who engaged her for the recent Beyreuth festival, for which she drilled her in the rôle of Ortrud in "Lohengein."

Mme, Johanna Gadski has only been a few years on the stage, but her short career was sufficiently successful to warrant the offer to her of a Bayreuth engagement. Her line of work is in the lighter Wagnerian rôles. Elizabeth, in "Tannhauser," is considered to be her best impersonstion. She will make her debut as Elsa in "Lohengrin

Miss Elsa Kutscherra is already familiar to Amerian audiences through spresarances during the present season in concert. Miss Kutscherra fulfilled singing later at the opera of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and also in various German cities. During the short season of German opera at Drury

Lane, last summer, Frauline Kutscherra was a mem-ber of Sir Augustus Harris' company.

ber of Sir Augustus Harris' company.
Other singers among the women of Mr. Damrosch's company are: Marcella Lindh, Nina Schilling, Marle Maurer and Adele Makert. Miss Lindh
is known in New York, where her musical education is known in New York, where her musical education was commenced. Miss Schilling, another singer trained in New York, has appeared already in public there. Miss Maurer, a pupil of Herman, of New York and of Lange of Berlin, is also a New York girl, and made her debut last winter under Mr. Damgirl, and made her debut last winterunder Mr. Dam-rosch's direction. She will sing in this coming sea-son Magdaline in "Die Meistersinger," and Fricka, Erda and Waltraute in the operas of the triology. Miss Makart made her debut al Frankfort in "Fide-lio," and has appeared since that time in Russla.

Sweden and Denmark.

Max Alvary, the tenor, made familiar through previous appearances here in German opera, made his debut at Weimar; but it was in the Metropolitan Opera House that his reputation began to grow. principally through his performance of Stegfried, which he sang in his second season here. His which he sang in his second season here. His popularity here grew greater every season, and the excitement which attended his farewell perform-ance has not heen forgotten. On his return to Germaay he became a member of the company of the Hamburg Theatre, and has stong at Bayreuth as well as in London and la most of the large German

Nicolaus Rothmuhl, another tenor of the organization, is a Pole of German descent. He was born Warsaw and trained for the operatic stage in Vienna. He was destined for mercanial before he hecame a singer he had abandoned this to a theatrical career. From the Conservator he before he fiecame a singer he had abandoned the for a theatificial career. From the Conservatory he went to the Opera at Dresden, and in 1882 he be-came a member of the company at the Royal Opera House in Berlin. He began in lyric rôles, but now divides with Gudehusthe Wagnerian repertory, and he sings also such rôles as Raoul and Rhadames. His Walther in "Die Meistersinger" is regarded as his hest part.

opera company at Weimar. He is a young man, and was, like Herr Oherhauser, educated for the operatic stage at the Vienna Conservatory. He succeeded Sceldimantel as the baritone of the Vienna Opera House, and is a popular concert and oratorio singer

architect in Vienna, and afterward became a student architect in Vienna, and afterward occume a student at the Vienna Conservatory. He made his first ap-pearance in Berlin, singing with especial success the Herald in "Lohengrin" and Beckmesser in "Die Meistersinger." He is not at present a member of Herald in "Lobengrin" and Becamesser in Low Melstersinger." He is not at present a member of the Berlin Opera, but has played recently in the va-rious German opera houses. James F. Thomson is a Canadian baritone favorably known through his

appearance in concert.
The principal bassos, Emil Fischer and Conrad are too well known to require more than

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MAKE STUDY INTERESTING.

pupils interested, says an exchange, and indeed to make the study of music increasingly interesting. There are so many ways of accomplishing this, that it is difficult to give any code of rules which will be equally efficacious for all.

Scholars differ in taste and temperament; some

Scholsrs differ in taste and temperament; some are always interested in one phase of nusic study to the neglect of an equally important phase, while others must of necessity be incited to proper dilegence by accessory influences. This is peculiar to

of age.

One of the great discouragements to a young person is to be obliged to grope in the dark through misapprehension of the subject. This, of course, can be easily remedied by the teacher taking more than ordinary pains in explaining and demonstrating to that pupil, by example and otherwise, what prooffect unless they are the recipients of careful tuition.

Then, again, there are so many ways of making nusic appear attractive. Sentiment is a strong force; the sense of future enjoyment as the reward of what they are now doing, will be a great incenof what they are now doing, will be a great incentive to some minds. But I think the fact that the tide of sentiment has turned musicward, and that no young person's education is considered complete of music, would he a strong idea to impress on the

or music, would get a strong uses to impress on the mind of young pupils.

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E. A. Schubert, the well-known teacher and composer, of St. Charles, Mo., gave a concert at the Opera Ilouse there on the fish till. Mr. Schubert was assisted by his pupils and the Orpheus Orchestra and gave a programme that reflected high conditions of the operation of the ope

During the reign of Louis XI. of France there was attached to his court one Abbot de Baigne, a man of considerable wit. The Abbot was somewhat unsically inclined, and delighted the court with interest of the state ine receipt of which he declared he would invest the most surprising thing that was ever heard. He scoured the country and secured a large quantity of hogs, trying their voices as to pitch and quality, and stately inserted as the property of the Albert with the hogs, and his court entered the parillon prepared for omething, but greatly in doubt as to the success of the Albert with the hogs. However, there were the hogs, sorre nough, and much to the surprise and hogs, sore enough, and much to the surprise and delight of the King they commenced to cry har-moniously and in good time, rendering an air that was fairly recognized. The Abbot had arranged a series of stops that were connected with the hogs, and upon pulling one of them out caused a spike to and upon pulling one of them out eaused a spike to prick the hog it connected with, making him squeal his note. The rest was easy, for pulling out the dif-ferent stops, he produced the tune. The King and all his attendants were delighted with it.

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